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RAEU-ANEQ march against cutbacks

by Brian Topp

Students staged walkouts at fifteen Quebec universities and CEGEPs Wednesday, and over a thousand marched on the Montreal offices of the Ministry of Education to protest government underfunding of the post-secondary system.

The province-wide day of protest was organized jointly by RAEU (Regroupement des Associations Etudiantes Universitaires) and ANEQ (Association Nationale des Etudiant(e)s du Québec).

"November 4th is the start-point for mobilizing the student movement against the government's efforts to restrain the accessibility and democratization of education," said Chantal Fortier, a RAEU spokesperson.

An unlimited general walk-out is being considered for January if the Quebec government does not change its funding policies.

Chanting "l'éducation, la santé / sont des droits / pas des privilèges!" approximately 1,200 students rallied at Carré St-Louis Wednesday afternoon, and then marched to the Montreal offices of the Ministry of Education to demonstrate their opposition to education cutbacks. Many of the placards waved by demonstrators also denounced social service cuts currently being implemented by the government.

Most Montreal-area universities and colleges were represented at the march, although only 50 students from McGill and Concordia were reportedly on hand.

The McGill Students' Society began publicizing the protest Wednesday, the day it occurred.

Speakers told the rally in front of the Ministry that they should fight for an end to underfunding, and for free university tuition.

The Parti Québécois promised free tuition during the 1976 election. It is now rumored that the

Levesque government will allow tuition to double next year, raising fees to approximately \$1,200 a year, from the current \$400-600.

Funding for post-secondary education increased only 6.9 per cent in Quebec this year, significantly less than needed to keep up with inflation, the demonstrators were told.

While students marched on the Ministry, others were boycotting classes at the Université du Québec à Montréal, Hautes Etudes Commerciales, and four departments of the Université de Montréal. Students at twelve CEGEPs across the province joined in the walk-outs.

Smaller demonstrations were held before the National Assembly

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Twelve hundred students took to the streets to protest the provincial government's education cutbacks. Fifty students from McGill and Concordia bolstered the ranks of the Thursday march on the Ministry of Education.

Execs mine for morals

by Steven Yudin

Executives of Falconbridge, a Canadian company with a mining operation in South African-controlled Namibia, believe that corporations have a "social responsibility," but that does not include divestment.

"By being there with the 'North American ethic' it tends to liberalize the conditions in the country. We know this through experience throughout Africa," said Jim Crane, a Vice-President with Falconbridge.

He and another Vice-President, Ian Keith, spoke to the *Daily* after spending three hours in a closed session with the Board of Governors Committee on Social Responsibility. The committee is investigating McGill's investments in companies operating in South Africa.

"We have a mine in Namibia we're rather proud of, and the conditions people work in," said Crane. "There has been improvement. A colored doctor is on the company's board of directors."

"It's better for us to be there. We provide a payroll they're (black workers) damn glad to get," he said.

Bill Wicken, co-chairperson of the South Africa Committee, who was refused permission to attend the session, questioned Crane's statement.

"If the workers are so satisfied, why have there been so many strikes and why is the government forced to incarcerate people? Why is the government having trouble in Namibia? Why is there forced labor and a migrant labor system which separates men from their families?" asked Wicken.

Wicken also doubts the accuracy of the executives' assertion that Falconbridge has no business interests in South Africa proper, and only minority interest in a Namibia mine.

"According to our statistics, they have a 24 per cent interest in a mine near Pretoria (S.A.) and a 75 per cent interest in Oamits Mining Company in Namibia, set up in 1971 in partnership with the South African government," he said.

He argued that the executives were wrong in stating that their company's wages justified involvement in an apartheid regime.

"They operated a gold mine in Rhodesia under the slave labor system, where whites received sixteen times more wages than blacks. But wages is an irrelevant question — their operations are aiding the development of an industrial infrastructure which sustains South African control of Namibia," said Wicken.

"We don't get involved in politics," said Crane. "If a Canadian company doesn't (invest

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Fee hikes inevitable — Studsoc

by Peter Morgan

Students' Society executives and Principal David Johnston accomplished little at a recent meeting discussing tuition fee increases.

"The conversation focused on how the University is dealing with funding cutbacks. Not a lot was really accomplished," said Students' Society President Liz Norman.

The University's stand on increased tuition fees was also discussed. According to Norman, Quebec universities are arguing for increased tuition fees because 10 years ago tuition fees paid 20 to 25 per cent of the costs of universities and they should be returned to that proportion of funding.

"Principal Johnston personally, and McGill and other Quebec universities in general, support the idea of tuition fee increases. In his ideal world, students would pay 25

per cent. He said he had to work to help pay for his education and this made him appreciate university more," said Norman.

She feels that the size and complexity of the problem of cutbacks make it difficult to understand.

"Library hours being shortened is only the tip of the iceberg, fewer TAs and fewer sections of classes are just the beginning. It doesn't seem realistic, the long term effects are so difficult to judge. It's all so intangible," Norman said.

There was also disagreement over whether the fees would increase. According to Norman, Johnston and other university principals had approached Minister of Education Camille Laurin and he said it was not his decision.

"Johnston feels that the government will not raise fees because it is a touchy political issue," said Norman.

The PQ government was elected in 1977 on a platform that included free tuition.

Johnston's view was not shared by Paul Smith, Students' Society VP External, however.

"My personal information is that tuition fees will increase," Smith said.

The Students' Society executives seem to feel tuition fee increases are inevitable.

"I don't think students could convince the Board of Governors not to increase tuition fees, perhaps we could change a few minds about amounts, though," said Norman. Students' Council recently voted to support the idea of free tuition.

The Board of Governors Budget Task Force report details the actions the University administrators feel are necessary to survive the cutbacks. The report was discussed at the meeting. The recommendations include no further cash salary payments to staff for next year, increased residence fees to make residences self-financing, and severely limited staff replacements.

Originally, because there was no student representation on the task force, the meeting was to allow student input.

"I approached Principal Johnston repeatedly regarding student participation. He told me that salary policy would be discussed and that it was not proper to include students. Essentially he kept saying no to me," said Norman.

No student input could be made before the report was presented to the Board of Governors, as the report was presented at a closed session.

Part of the reason for the apparent failure of the meeting was the lack of a prepared student response to the task force report, and the absence of some executives. The document was given to

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English students regain vote

by Richard Flint

After a year of official exclusion, students in the English department have been given voting rights in their department.

From 1969 until the spring of 1980 student representatives had parity with faculty members in the English department's meetings.

At that point staff in the department chose to revoke the constitution of the department.

David Williams, Chairman of the English department, told the *Daily* that the revocation "was largely to do with things other than student representation."

According to Williams, the departmental structure was unwieldy. There were also "objections to the quality of student representation".

John Cochran, President of the Department of English Students Association (DESA) acknowledged that "there was dissatisfaction with the lack of participation by students."

DESA was formed in the wake of the departmental withdrawal of student representation after the dissolution of the English Literature Students' Association.

"This was more than a name change," said Cochran. "It was a new front for student participation representing all three streams in the English department."

Last year DESA initiated a petition calling for student representation which was signed by 300 students in the department. They lobbied professors in the

negotiations to create a new departmental structure.

The result has been a new set of proposals granting students 40 per cent of the representation in General Meetings of the department, and representation on the Student Evaluation of Teaching Committee. Most of the proposals were adopted by a department staff meeting on the 22nd of October.

According to Williams, "Students will always have a voice and it's really unlikely that we'll pass that report at a single meeting, probably at the following meeting."

In summation Cochran said, "Our long march to student representation has been successful, and we hope that other groups will follow our lead in departmental representation."

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I desperately need my pencil case back. It was lost in Redpath Library last Thursday. Please, call 284-2722 or leave it at Porter's Office in Bronfman.

Lost: One burgundy leather wallet on Tuesday, Oct. 27th. Vicinity of McIntyre Medical Building please return wallet and cards. Call Marie 733-0216.

SKA music has its hazards! I lost my solid plastic clear/brown frame glasses at The Villains/Equators Concert. If you found them please phone Peter at 937-9364.

374 - PERSONAL

Susette, I creamed my jeans when I saw you. Come with me to see "The Case of the Smiling Stiffs". Nov. 12.

French student in translation at U of M wishes to meet an English speaking student in a branch related to language and interested in French. (The) aim: step from a not quite easeless ability in speaking and writing to fluency. More information Bernard 273-7945.

To T.L.M.: "You are the sunshine of my life" (sing) Today is a special day. It's our 5th anniversary. Happy anniversary! (SK) Love you!!

College professor, 35, wishes to meet an unattached woman between 25-34. Sense of humour and honesty more important than physical attributes. Box 698 Coteau du Lac, Que. J0P 1X6.

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385 - NOTICES

Don't miss the McGill Press Club this Friday!

Eastern Townships Alpine, x-country ski house group requires four members. \$200 per person. 937-0267 evenings.

Voice of the Himalayas. Introduction to yoga psychology and meditation. Opportunity to speak to Canadians who have studied in India. Concordia University, Friday November 6, 8:00 p.m. Room 520, Hall Building. 1455 de Maisonneuve. Free Admission.

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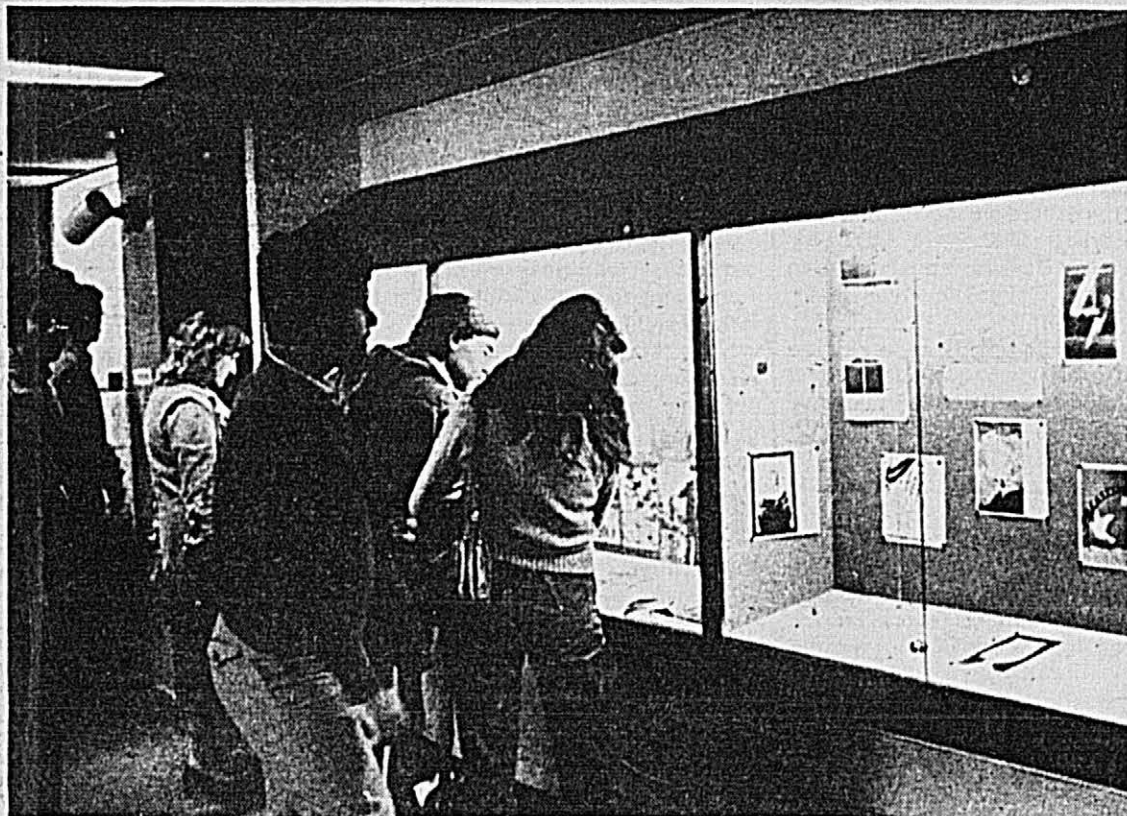
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Redpath library was the scene of controversy this week as a PLO exhibit provoked response from indignant Zionists. One man's truth is another man's propaganda...

Daily photo: Albert Nerenberg

PLO library display called anti-semitic

by Richard Flint and Albert Nerenberg

A group of students have launched a petition calling for the Redpath Library to remove a display produced by the Arab Students' Association of McGill.

The display presents material on Palestinians in the Lebanese civil war, with gruesome photographs of dead or injured civilians, purported victims of Israeli bombings. There is additional material about the Israeli state and the aims of the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

The petition, submitted to undergraduate area librarian Dr. Hans Möller, states, "We find this display extremely insulting and we do not want our place of study being used as a forum for vicious propaganda."

The petition requests the removal of the display and a ban on such displays in the future.

The display case area has been the scene of emotional confrontations between protestors and supporters of the display material, which was put up Monday night.

One student said, "Going to the PLO for information is like asking neo-Nazi's for information about the Jews."

Another student said, "The display is racist; the symbolism suggests that it is the Jewish people who are bombing Palestinians in Lebanon."

A Muslim student said, "Israel is humiliating our people and destroying our culture. This exhibit should be here."

A student who claimed to have been an officer in the Syrian army during the Yom Kippur war said, "During the last war, which I fought in, the Israelis were bombing civilian camps and killing women and children. I see these pictures are telling the same story that I saw myself. The display is good; it helps make the Canadian people see what is happening. We show them our views and ideas. Arabs are all semitic people, so how can we be anti-semitic?"

Another student said, "I saw the Zionist display last year; although not as graphic it still portrayed a sense of national sentiment which could be interpreted as propaganda."

One student said, "It's a portrait of war; both sides have mutilated bodies to show."

Many students felt that since the library is a cultural institution, politics should not enter its display material.

Dr. Möller said, "The library policy is that we allow any recognized student group on campus to make a display of their own on application. We do not censor or approve the display."

He added that the library "contains many points of view in books. We do not attempt to suppress any point of view in our acquisition policy."

"We don't intend to change our policy," Möller said. "The display will be there until the 15th of November."

Representatives of the Arab Students' Association were unavailable for comment.

ASUS rescues student journals

by Stewart Freed

Squeezed by the budget-conscious executive of the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS), the editors of four student journals have successfully fought back to regain funding in order to publish this year.

The ASUS has agreed to amend its budget to fund the journals and the Tuesday Night Café Theatre by slashing \$1000 from the speakers budget and depleting its contingency fund by \$2500. The ASUS council will also seek an interest-free loan from Students' Society for \$2633 to make up the remainder of the journals' expenses.

The ASUS had virtually eliminated the budgets for the McGill Journal of Political Economy, the McGill Literary Journal, Scrivener Magazine, and

the Register. Council restored their budgets to a workable level and also voted \$500 to the Tuesday Night Café because it was in danger of going bankrupt while in the midst of its current production.

In return for the groups' financial rescue, Council has asked the funded organizations to surrender their bank accounts at the end of the year to help pay back the loan, and to submit detailed budgets and constitutions to the Council.

Speaking on behalf of the journals, John Cochran noted it was vital that they publish this year.

"If we lose them (the journals) now, the precedent will be set," said Cochran. "We will never get them back."

Cochran, who is editor-in-chief of the McGill Literary Journal, presented Council with letters of support for the journals written by the Chairmen of the Departments of English and Economics.

In his letter, Irving Brecher of the Economics Department explained the importance of the McGill Journal of Political Economy.

"Its circulation beyond McGill has enabled our students to strengthen their academic contacts with other universities," he wrote.

ASUS VP Arts John Edwards said that journals were an

important part of the academic excellence of the departments and fostered student awareness and activity.

"If we don't pass this (amendment to increase funding), then we are essentially proposing a frontal lobotomy to the organizations," said Edwards.

He added that if ASUS didn't support the journals, it would essentially be advocating "just going to classes."

BoG 'pass laws' limit up to sixty

by Stewart Freed

McGill's Board of Governors has decided to hold its next meeting in the new Council room of the Leacock Building.

The meeting, which is scheduled for November 16 at 3:00 p.m. was moved from the boardroom in the Administration building so that a larger number of spectators can attend.

The new Council room, Leacock 232, can accommodate 60 spectators. Fire regulations had previously limited the number of spectators in the boardroom to 30.

Board meetings normally draw a number of representatives from the Students' Society's External Affairs Committee on South Africa (SAC).

SAC co-chairman Michel Sheppard said that the committee opposes limitations on attendance as well as the necessity of presenting a McGill ID card before being issued an admission ticket.

"It sort of conjures up images of the pass laws in South Africa," said Sheppard in reference to the newfound ability of the University to identify students attending Board meetings by examining ID cards.

The Board sub-committee to advise on matters of social responsibility is scheduled to make a report at the upcoming meeting, according to Sheppard. The sub-committee has been studying McGill's investments in cor-

porations with South African subsidiaries.

Sheppard said SAC is interested in presenting their case to the Board of Governors but fears they will not be permitted to speak at the meeting.

He said the Board has heard SAC's position only indirectly through the *Daily*, but has not permitted the organization to make an official presentation.

Spectators can pick up admission tickets from the University Secretariat in room 608 of the Administration building on Friday, November 13, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and Monday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

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(there), somebody else will."

Keith noted that he hopes the blacks get the vote which is presently restricted to the minority white population. Both men say they oppose the apartheid system.

"The government hasn't moved much, but it is encouraging to see it (apartheid) crumbling around the edges," said Keith.

"We're quite open about it (involvement in Namibia)," said Crane.

When asked if he meant the company has brought up moral issues to the South African government, he said the didn't, but were "open" about it in Canada, by meeting the committee.

The executives said they had never met with a black liberation group, but had met blacks who wanted the company to invest there. Crane said he differed with the Task Force on Churches and Corporate Responsibility, which says that investment only serves to entrench the regime, rather than liberalize the country.

"That's a matter of opinion," said Crane.

"There has to be another way (to change the conditions)," said Keith. "The situation doesn't have to explode."

MacEachen: students won't get what they deserve

EDMONTON (CUP) — Federal Finance Minister Allan MacEachen stood before 300 Liberal faithfuls in Edmonton Friday night and said, "Canadians need and deserve a strong educational system."

Earlier in the evening about 40 marching and placard-waving students called for MacEachen to come out in front of the Four Seasons Hotel, but he declined.

Inside, MacEachen told guests at the \$150-a-plate dinner, "It will not be my intention to dismantle or undermine the achievements of post-secondary education that were fought for by Liberal governments of the past."

Yet he admitted his November 12

budget will include "a slowing of the increase in support" for post-secondary education, medicare, and social welfare programs.

He predicted cuts of \$500 million to \$1 billion in the budget for established programs financing (EPF), confirming earlier statements that EPF will be cut by \$1.5 billion over the next two years.

"Twenty per cent of total expenditures of the federal government go to the provinces by way of transfers (EPF)," MacEachen said. "If I am going to exercise restraint, I cannot overlook the 20 per cent that flows to the provinces," he said.

MacEachen said the federal

government's contribution to social and educational programs has grown in the last five years under the EPF agreement. The program expires in April, and MacEachen said that negotiations toward a new agreement will start promptly after the budget.

He hinted that the negotiations will create conflict, criticizing provincial governments for not living up to their end of the EPF deal.

"Our proportion of that cost (EPF) can bear the most minute scrutiny. I'm not sure the record of most provinces would bear the same scrutiny," he said.

MacEachen said little about

students' concerns that federal cuts in post-secondary education funding would triple tuition fees.

He read the pamphlet passed out by students in front of the Four Seasons Hotel. It called on the federal government not to cut educational or social welfare programs.

"I certainly liked the color of the paper," he said of the shocking pink pamphlet.

The next day, MacEachen was directly confronted by 20 University of Calgary students at a Liberal fund-raiser at the Calgary Convention Center. But security staff were on hand after the reception to keep the protesters away from the minister.

From Dailys of Yore

Beginning today, the Daily will feature outtakes from previous years now and then, to offer some of the flavor of McGill as it was in the past. The Daily began publication in 1911, leaving a wealth of back issues which we hope to put to good use.

What follows was an editorial, published November 2, 1932, in the depths of the depression.

Silk Hats, etc.

With reference to London's unemployment riots, an account that appears in the *Gazette* this morning contains the following:

"Groups of theatregoers in silk hats and tails had to call police for protection from angry detachments of threatening men."

Laying aside all considerations of class conflict, and the natural antipathy of the poor man to him that hath, our sympathy is entirely with the angry detachments who threatened the sanctity of evening garb. It is about time that someone dinned into the consciousness of theatregoers the fact that it is quite possible to appreciate drama without formal clothes.

Perhaps most of the attackers were more strongly actuated by jealousy than by the degree to emancipate play-lovers. Still, one or two there must have been amid that howling mob who felt keenly the injustice that convention imposes. One or two there must have been who realized that a play-goer goes to look and listen, not to be looked at. And one or two doubtless believed that a play is an intellectual feast, not a social orgy.

Montreal's professional theatres are comparatively free from any such sartorial tyranny. Thus there is no need to stir up riots in our city streets and tempt the unemployed to hurl their clods at the soberly clad theatregoer. There are, of course, abortive attempts to make art the prerogative of those who can afford to dress it up in tinsel.

But tinsel being as expensive as it is nowadays, and what art we get being so vulgarly within the reach of non-bejewelled hands, the way of the possessor is hard.

Matthews, McGregor win elections

by Sharon Preston

Steve Matthews was chosen to represent students on the Board of Governors and Colin McGregor was elected as arts representative to Students' Council in Wednesday's by-elections.

The Board of Governors election had only two candidates who collectively received less than five per cent of the student vote. VP External Paul Smith attributed the lack of advertising as a factor in the low turn-out.

Polling results showed that upwards of 10 per cent of the ballots were deliberately spoiled, the number of ruined ballots far exceeding the margin between the two candidates. Pollsters representing the Students' Society at the advance polls on Monday admitted to encouraging people to vote even if they knew nothing about the election.

McGregor, as Arts rep, said his first priority is to ensure more library time in light of the recent cutbacks.

"They're cutting our library time to shreds. Several hours have already been reduced including reserve time," he said.

McGregor plans to solicit roughly 5000 signatures on a petition demanding extended hours.

McGregor also noted that the ASUS is "badly in the hole due to past mismanagement. We have to borrow money in order to keep the

department journals alive."

Because of the limited funds, McGregor doesn't see the ASUS playing much of a role in the cutbacks campaign except "protecting the Arts Faculty which is the first thing that gets cut."

Steve Matthews could not be reached for comment.

In the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS)-sponsored election which chose

McGregor, Peter Dotsikas was also elected as UI member-at-large to ASUS. McGregor, in his capacity as arts representative, will also sit on ASUS.

Dotsikas said that his concern at this point was mainly "to rid McGill of apathy."

"I'm going to try and get more people aware and concerned with what's going on in the University," he said.

Disarmament subversive

Vancouver (CUP) — "The movement for unilateral disarmament in West is ultra-radical and threatens democracy," British author Conor Cruise O'Brien said October 20.

The former United Nations delegate told an audience at the University of British Columbia that unilateral disarmament threatens "to scrap the West — democracy, free press, rule of law, the lot."

He said the forces tugging parts of Europe toward the left and America toward the right had something in common: "a weariness with secular humanism and the whole intellectual tradition derived from the Enlightenment."

This weariness arises from the "unemployment of the heart," the absence in Western societies of imaginative and spiritual links to the forum of politics, he said.

The effective separation of religion and politics, "leaves an

unsatisfied need," he said. "The need in question is the need for oneness, for meaning, for the sacred, for God."

Greek, Roman and Biblical societies believed strongly that a "sense of the sacred" was essential to a healthy political life.

The adulation of Pope John Paul II, the overthrow of the Shah of Iran, and the apathy of youth toward the political process, are expressions of a sense of loss and of "the removal of God from human politics," he said.

The Irish writer and political thinker (sic) said the dissociation of spiritual and imaginative realms from the conduct of politics leads people to extreme solutions in difficult times.

"The god that failed Soviet communism is beginning to show certain signs of resurrection," he said.

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Rachel thinks it's all a great adventure. She forgets why she first came to the city. Truth is, unless she wises up and backs away soon, small-town girl may very well wind up big-city loser.



Rachel

Large cities may not be for everyone. But to Rachel there's no place more exciting or richer with opportunities.

Maybe she is a little starry-eyed, but fortunately for Rachel, she's a realist as well.

She's made some wise choices, including her decision on drinking. Not too often, not too much, is Rachel's motto. That goes for beer, wine or spirits, no matter where she is or with whom.

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Today

Spanish Play
"Los Malabaristas" and the Spanish Students' Association of McGill present the Spanish play *Madrugada*, written by Antonio Buero Vallejo. This two-act drama will take place at College Jean-de-Brebeuf (5625 Decelles street), on Friday, November 6th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 7th at 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$3, Students \$2.

Happy Hour At 5:00

We invite you all to join us at Happy Hour and have a few brew. (Another significant event!) Sigma Chi Fraternity, 3581 University St., 281-9021.

The Register

The McGill history students journal will be on sale today in the Leacock lobby and at Sadie's.

Native Students' Association

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to show the film titled "You are on Indian Land" which will be rescheduled for Friday, October 30. It is a report on a right established by the Jay Treaty of 1794, including a dinner at 6:30 p.m. at McGill Newman Centre, 3484 Peel St. For further information please call 392-6711.

South Africa Committee

All committee members should attend the special strategy meeting today at 4 p.m. in the S.A.C. office (room 406 in the Union). Please make an effort to be there since it will be the most important S.A.C. meeting of the entire year.

Fee hikes inevitable

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Norman nearly a month ago.

Only three of the student society executives attended the meeting.

"Keith (Hennessy, VP Internal) was juggling, Paul (Smith, VP External) was unavailable, and Liz (Ulin, VP University Affairs) was not elected at the time. As well

Ron's (Lerman, Executive Director) wife had a baby last week, and I had already been over it at the Board of Governors meeting," said Norman.

VP Finance Brian Fish was the third executive who attended the meeting.

RAEU-ANEQ MARCH

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in Quebec City, and before the offices of a PQ MNA in Rouen yesterday.

The RAEU-ANEQ demonstrations are to be followed November 12 by a day of protest coordinated by the CSN (Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux), which will include

marches and protests in Montreal and Quebec City. The day of protest will be held in response to general public sector cutbacks, including education and social service underfunding.

On November 21, Quebec labor unions and student associations will participate in a demonstration before Parliament in Ottawa against federal cutbacks.

Tuesday Night Cafe

TNC presents *Jack, or The Submission*, and *The Future is in Eggs*, two one act plays by Eugene Ionesco, 8 p.m. in Player's Theatre, 3rd floor, Union Building. Tickets: \$2.50 students and senior citizens, \$3.50 general public. For reservations, call 392-4637.

McGill Film Society

The McGill Film Society presents "Richard Pryor Live In Concert" tonight at 7 and 9:30 in Leacock 132. Admission is 1.75 at the door.

Centre for Developing Area Studies

The struggle in Guatemala: perspectives of a Priest, by: Father Manuel Antonio Gonzales. Exiled Guatemalan priest from Quiche province, member of Comité Unidad Campesino/Peasant Unity Committee. Location: MacDonald Harrington Building, room C103E, 12:00.

El Salvador

McGill Students' Support Committee for El Salvador presents "Women in El Salvador and Ecuador" with Rose-Marie Courture and Ana Castillo, Canadian representative of Democratic Revolutionary Front. Noon, Room 425, Union Building.

Sing-Song

In German Lounge at noon today. Add your voice to our vocal group and see how fast you'll learn a few more German words. Another great opportunity is at Stammtisch in Café Prag (Bishop St.) every Friday from 8 p.m. on. After a few beers your German songs might come in handy!

McGill Ski Team

Attention members: If you're planning to get involved with the team, now is the time to prove it! We need your help from now until the end of the sale. You will get to meet and know better the people you will be skiing with

all winter. Show up whenever you can in B01 Union bldg.

Community McGill

We have many volunteer programs to offer you, come to our office for more info. rm 408 (Union Building)

Indian Students Association

Presents "Sujata" Hindi Feature Film with English subtitles, 7:00 p.m., McConnell Engineering Building Room 204. Admission: Members \$1.00, Others \$2.00

Demonstration

Protesting Soviet violations of human rights will take place today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of the Soviet consulate, 3655 du Musée. Come show your support for this important cause. Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ).

South Africa Committee

Day of Account Withdrawal — today is the last day to sign up to withdraw your accounts from the Bank of Montreal! Sign up at the South Africa Committee information table in the Student Union from 11-1, or at the Students' Society desk all day. Divest yourself!

South Africa Committee

Calling all lovers of humanity and freedom! Come to a meeting today at 4:00 in Union Room 406.

Yellow Door

Fri. & Sat. Nov. 6 & 7, Bill Russel. Sunday nights are Hootennanny nights (open stage), come and play. 3625 Aylmer.

Ruggers of McGill

Simmons road trip November 13-15 (next week-end!) must be sharking season or something nudge nudge, wink wink, say no more!!

Centre for Northern Studies

Jacques Dalet, French explorer, will present

two films on Greenland, with discussion. 2:00 p.m., Purvis Hall, 1020 Pine W., Room 24.

Debating Union

Judges of the high school tournament: today is your day. Please be in the front hall of Leacock at 6:00 if you are judging the first round.

McGill Chinese Students' Society

There will be a double feature movie show in F.D.A. Auditorium today at 7:30 p.m. Member \$1.50 non-members \$2.00. Also, an executive meeting will be held on 7th Nov. 81 (Sat.) at 10 a.m. in ISA. All members are welcome.

Saturday

Caribbean Students Society

Is having a dance at the YWCA (Corner of Crescent and Dorchester) at 9:00 p.m. Admission: \$3.00. Come one come all and Celebrate the Caribbean!

McGill Film Society

Sat. Nov. 7. The McGill Film Society presents "Kagumusha, The Shadow Warrior" directed by Akira Kurosawa (1980 Japan) tonight at 7 and 9:30 in Leacock 132. Admission is 1.75 at the door.

Sunday

Yellow Door

Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8, Childrens' Concert with Bill Russell, starts at 2:30. 3625 Aylmer.

Lecture

The third of a series of 6 lectures of "Messianism: Roots, Realities and Myths?", Rabbi Joshua Schmidman will discuss the topic of "Jewish Concepts of Messianism". Place: Centre Hillel, 5186 Côte des Neiges. Time: 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$5.00 for entire series.

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(Round Robin)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Round I

Franklin Pierce College vs Concordia University 18h30
University of Waterloo vs McGill University 20h30

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Round II

University of Waterloo vs Franklin Pierce College 14h00
Concordia University vs McGill University 16h00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Round III

Concordia University vs University of Waterloo 12h00
Franklin Pierce College vs McGill University 14h00

Admission for each round

McGill Students with validated I.D. card	\$1.50
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CEGEP Students & 16 and under	\$1.50
General Public	\$3.00

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For further information, contact the Department of Athletics (392-4725)



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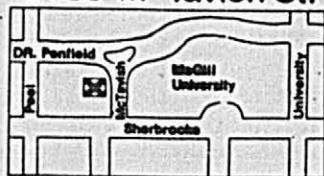
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Daily Sports

Fave Raves

Well, this week's Fave Raves is a little different from those of weeks past. Instead of just having two sarcastic jerks from *Daily Sports* giving you their predictions, we've got predictions from a whole bunch of genuinely knowledgeable people. Because let's face it, the Redmen are a hot commodity. People are interested in the Big Red Machine because they want to see a Quebec team go all the way to the College Bowl for the first time in what seems like eons.

Special thanks go out to McGill Sports info. Director Harry Zarins and the Keg restaurant person Tom Hogg for arranging a special Redmen evening down at La Spaghetterie.

So here we go...

Gee-Gees vs. Redmen — Redmen have the best defence in the whole darn country and are one of only three undefeated teams in Canada. You better believe that they want to go all the way this year. But, there's the Gee-Gees and it will be Head Coach Cam Innes' last game if his Ottawa boys lose. They may want to send old Cam out with a bang. Against the Redmen defence they may not even be able to go out with a whisper. The \$26.00 question is: will the Redmen offence produce? If the answer is yes, then the Big Red Machine is on it's way to the Atlantic Bowl.

Stingers vs. Golden Gaels — Here's a tough one to call. But, you just gotta go with them Stingers. Even though the game is in Kingston, the Stingers know that they can beat those nasty Gaels. They did it to the Gaels in the opening week of the season and they may be ready to do it to them one more time. If Con. U. can win their semi-final game it would mean that the two Montreal teams would face each other in the OQIFC finals for the first time ever. Let's hope the Stingers can do it. A McGill-Con matchup would bring over 15,000 people into Molson Stadium, especially when they can get a free spaghetti dinner for the price of admission. But, what do those Golden Gaels have going for them? They've got the most potent rushing game in the east. Their backfield has three all-stars and they can be deadly. This one will be good. Go get 'em Singers!

Predictions

Tim Burke — columnist for *The Gazette*
McGill 15-12
Concordia 22-16

Sam Etcheverry — ex-Alouette and CFL great
McGill by 14
Queen's by 7

Red Storey — Sports writer and ex-NHL referee
McGill by 10
Con. U. by 3

Nick Auf der Maur — Columnist for *The Gazette*
McGill by 17
Con. U. by 3

Herb Capozzi — ex-Alouette and former GM of the B.C. Lions
McGill by 21
Queen's by 8

Herb Trawick — ex-Alouette and CFL Hall of Fame member
McGill by 14
Con. U. by 6

Tom Price — Bishop's Alumni
McGill by 7
Queen's by 3

Chuck Zapiec — Former Alouette, Dallas Cowboys, Kansas City Chief and Penn State grad.

McGill 11-5

Do what everyone else is doing. Jump on the Redman bandwagon. Attend the Redmen game and you'll see why the wagon is so overloaded.

CIAU Soccer — This Sunday at Molson Stadium against the St. Mary's Huskies. The fifth ranked Redmen are going all the way to the Nationals.

OQIFC FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
McGill Redmen (4)	7	0	0	183	59	14
Queen's	4	3	0	199	139	8
Concordia	3	3	1	180	132	7
Ottawa	3	4	0	124	138	6
Bishop's	2	4	1	104	155	5
Carleton	1	6	0	66	233	2

Saturday's OQIFC Semi-finals
Ottawa at McGill Redmen
1:00 p.m. Molson Stadium
Concordia at Queen's — 1:00 p.m.

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Marc Chouinard - Linebacker



Paul Gohier - Tackle



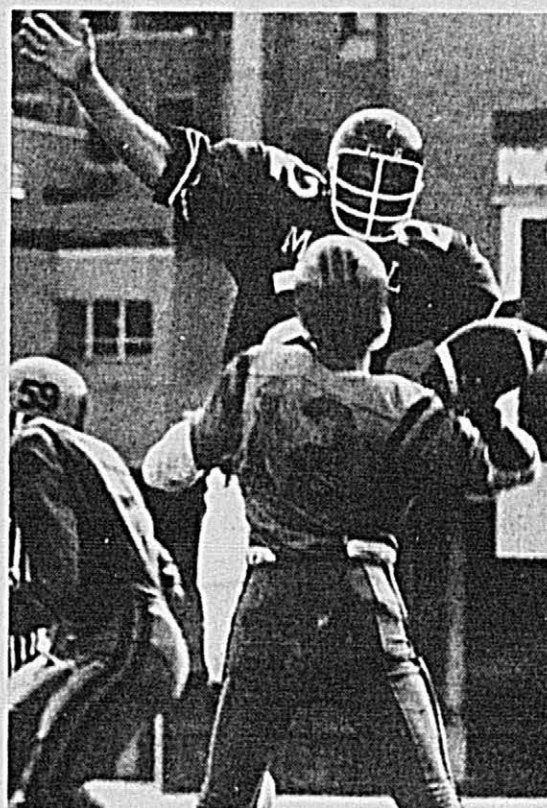
Marc Lemery - Linebacker



Remy Kawkabani - Punter



Michel Cameron - Guard



Tony Lawson - Down Lineman



Marc Joncas - Down Lineman



Steve Gedney - Center



Ron Poulton - Defensive back



Dennis Waide - Defensive back



Charlie Baillie - Coach of the Year



Greg Ashley - Kicker

Redmen get set for OQIFC play-offs

by Bobby Katz

The first annual Spaghetti Bowl? Well, there's the Orange Bowl, the Gator Bowl, the Astro-Blue Bonnet Bowl and the Peach Bowl. Now there's the Spaghetti Bowl.

That's what this week's OQIFC semi-final game between the McGill Redmen, currently ranked fourth in the country, and last year's College Bowl finalist Ottawa Gee-Gees is all about. Among other things.

What makes it the Spaghetti Bowl? Well, if the Redmen win this game, all those in attendance are entitled to a free dinner at La Spaghetterie. Keep your ticket stub and you'll be among the 10,000 or so people who will be getting free

dinners (including spumoni ice cream).

But, hey, you don't have to go to the restaurant right after the game. You have until November 22 to cash in your ticket and pig out on those luscious lengths of pasta. Take my advice, go to the game and after the Redmen win, go and gorge out.

This is your chance to see the undefeated Redmen continue their undefeated ways and at the same time you'll get a free full-course supper. In other words, go for it!

So, if you were looking for a reason to go to the game I've just given you two. But there may be those (hopefully) that will be going to the game for other reasons.

One of those reasons may be to see the eleven Redmen who were chosen as OQIFC all-stars. The Big Red Machine dominated the all-star team this season placing six men on the defensive team, three on offence, both kickers and punter and the OQIFC coach of the year.

That's right, a plurality of the All-stars are McGill's own. Eleven Redmen on the team and not a single Gee-Gee. But, the Redmen still won't have an easy time deep-sixing the boys from U of O.

The Gee-Gees are hungry for another win. They beat Queen's in Kingston last week and they mean business. They've been to the

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Hockey Redmen deprived of revenge, lose 6-3

by Earl Zukerman

Suffice it to say, the McGill Redmen Hockey Club has seen enough of Trois-Rivières players François Bellerose and André Carlos. Actually, they've seen too much of them recently.

In last Friday night's 8-0 loss, the two forwards combined for 5 goals and 3 assists. The two teams faced-

off again Wednesday in the inaugural International University Cup Tournament, resulting in a 6-3 triumph for les Patriotes.

Trois-Rivières scored the only goal of the first period when Carlos' point shot on the power-play rebounded to Bellerose who poked it past Redmen goalie Larry Rush at 11:39.

In the second period, Carlos won a faceoff deep in Redmen territory resulting in a goal by Patriote Gilles Lapointe at the 3:17 mark. McGill got that one back 3 minutes later when Tim Bossy passed to Carl Bastien (3 assists in the game) who set up defenceman Steve Weatherbee in the slot. But 3 minutes after that one Andre Carlos found himself on a breakaway with both teams playing 2 men short. Hearing the footsteps of towering Redman Gilles Hudon, Carlos thought it best to unload the puck to his trailing teammate Michel Thomas, who promptly scored, giving les Patriotes a 3-1 lead.

At 10:49, the Red and White scored a tainted short-handed goal when Bastien won a faceoff outside the T.R. blueline, dropped it back to defenceman Paul Barber, who in turn dumped it into the Patriote zone off the boards. The play was so harmless that T.R. goalie Serge Caron calmly watched the puck skitter between his skates: T.R. 3 McG 2. Les Patriotes came back on the same power-play, just 40 seconds later, giving them a 4-2 lead after 2 periods.

The game stayed close and it looked good for McGill at 10:52 of the third period when Bastien set up Hudon in the slot to pull the Redmen to within one goal. But, as

has often been the case, T.R. bounced back just 18 seconds later when Bellerose put a nifty back-hander behind Rush on a breakaway.

The Patriotes now led 5-3 and the Redmen began to gamble. This resulted in yet another breakaway on a flabbergasted Rush, resulting in an unassisted goal by nemesis Carlos on a nice deke, to ice the game 6-3.

In addition to their aggressive play (McGill had 95 "hits" to the Patriotes' 65) the Redmen outshot the opposition in each period: 7-6, 11-10, and 7-6 for a game total of 25-22.

X-C runners shoot for No. 1

by Rosamund Lewis

The McGill women's cross-country team ran to an impressive victory on Sunday, November 1 at the QUAA championships in Sherbrooke. Despite poor conditions on the 4.7 km course, McGill placed five women in the top seven finishers, with Brenda Johnston leading the way for first place. Johnston was named CIAU female athlete of the week for her brilliant performance.

This is the second consecutive year that the Martlets have won the Quebec Provincial Championships.

The team moves on to Lethbridge, Alberta to compete in the CIAU National Championships on November 7th.

Coach Ramon Boronell feels "it will be an uphill battle but the girls will definitely have an outside shot. We are going to win."

The men's team faced tough competition in Sherbrooke and finished an overall third in the QUAA finals. Two team members, Danny Fitzgerald and Liam Peyton, finished strongly and will also compete in Lethbridge this weekend.

...OQIFC play-offs

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College Bowl before and they know what it's like to feel the pressure and win.

Let's think of the Redmen. They've got the best defence in the country. The truth is that no one runs on the Redmen. Right! Yet the team isn't in as good a position as they could be.

First of all they're playing the Gee-Gees instead of the Bishop's Gaiters. The Gee-Gees are on their way up and QB Rick Zmich is leading the Ottawa shotgun offence, but they've got no running attack.

So, it's up to the Redmen defensive backfield, which features two conference all-stars, to keep the passing in check. Helping McGill's secondary will be the Redmen front four also featuring two conference all-stars. Further favoring the Redmen is their linebacking corps which, you guessed it, also has two conference all-stars.

Secondly, though the Redmen have no real problems on defence, the offence is certainly causing coaching conniptions. The Redmen had to pull a win out in the final minutes of play last week in Lennoxville and the offence was really shut down in some ways by the Gaiters.

Hopefully these problems on offence will be cleared up before Saturday afternoon. It's unclear as to which QB will be starting for the Redmen. Whether it's Dean Gibson or Marc Durand one thing is for sure... the Redmen haven't lost at home this year. So, that's one up on McGill already.

There is something else favoring the Redmen. That's their attitude. All-star punter Remi Kawkabani puts it like this: "There's a great feeling on this team. We know that every time we step out on the field we can win. It's not a cocky attitude, it's a kind of self-confidence that comes from winning and knowing that you can win."

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Tickets available at Ticketron Outlets and the Department of Athletics starting November 2nd.

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There will be a general meeting today for all of you interested in:

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See TODAY column for further details

For more info see us at the Union, Rm 404, or call 392-8943, during these hours: Mon & Wed 3-4:20, Thurs 12:30-1:30



HILLEL CALENDAR

TODAY NOV. 6

A demonstration protesting the persecution of Soviet Jews will take place in front of the Soviet Consulate, 3655 du Musée, starting at 11:30 a.m. Come show your support for this important struggle.

SUNDAY NOV. 8

Continuing the series of talks on "Messianism, Roots, Reality and Myths," Rabbi Joshua Schmidman of the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Congregation will speak on "Jewish Concepts of Messianism" (3rd in a series of 6).

Place: Centre Hillel, 5186 Côte des Neiges, Suite 2, 738-2655
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Admission: \$5.00 for the entire series

MONDAY NOV. 9

GREAT MOMENTS OF THE BIBLE

A group seminar studying the fifth book of the Bible, Deuteronomy. No previous training or knowledge of Hebrew necessary.

Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Place: 3460 Stanley St.
Seminar Leader: Rabbi Israel Hausman, Chaplain, 341-3580.

MONDAY NOV. 9

Mini-series begins: "Memoirs of Those who Survived"

5:45 p.m. Movie: *Reflections of Children of the Holocaust*. Readings, poetry, pictures of children who perished in the camps.

7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: *Arlazar Eliashiv*, Professor, Educator and author. Topic: Children of the Holocaust
Admission: Free
Sandwiches and soup available, \$1.50
Place: Hillel House, 3460 Stanley

TUESDAY NOV. 10

EVERY PERSON'S TALMUD

A Joint Study of Tractate Brochos (Blessings and Prayers). No prior training or knowledge required.

Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Place: 4842 McKenzie
Seminar Leader: Rabbi Israel Hausman, Chaplain, 341-3580.

TUESDAY NOV. 10

Israeli Folkdancing

Place: Union Ballroom
7:00 beginners
8:45 advanced
Admission: \$1.50 students; \$2.00 non-students

FRIDAY NOV. 13

Oneg Shabbat

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Hillel House, 3460 Stanley
Admission: \$3.50
Registration: Hillel House, 3460 Stanley, or call 845-9171

Letters

Critique of MASA display

To the Daily:

This letter is in regard to the display in Redpath Library presented by the McGill Arab Students Association. There are several quotes shown that infuriate not only the Jewish people, but all intelligent people.

The comparison equating Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel with Adolf Hitler, one of the most successful mass murderers of our time, is unfounded and unjustified. The fabrication of a comparison of this nature shows not only an innate bias, but also total ignorance of the true facts and the real world.

This bias manifests itself in other ways in this display. The exhibition plays on our emotions by showing photographs only of injured Arabs, following an Israeli attack. However, the display neglects to explain the reason for the attack. It also omits the tragic results of numerous assaults on Israeli citizens. Where are the pictures from the funerals of dead Israeli men, women, and children?

It is important to realize that the Israeli attacks are not a policy of genocide, but merely acts of legitimate self-defense. Unlike Palestinian aggressions, the Israelis focus on military targets. These reprisals serve to demonstrate that the State of Israel will not give any terrorist organizations a Carte Blanche to do what they do best, kill the innocent.

It is because of the one-sided approach of this display that all reasonable people should condemn this ridiculous and inaccurate presentation.

Gregory Luger U2
Catherine Shatz U1

Another Critique of MASA display

To the Daily:

I am writing to complain about the current P.L.O. display "adorning" Redpath Library. I question how the university allows such material to be put up. Does McGill make it a policy to support and further the aims of terrorist groups? The text which is being displayed is not only disgusting, it is also filled with lies and half-truths.

Yes, the Israelis did bomb a residential area of Beirut. Yes, many civilians were killed. But these people were not the target of the Israeli warplanes. The target was the P.L.O. terrorist headquarters which was located where it was expressly for the purpose of using the civilians as either a) a defense, much as a coward hides behind the skirts of a woman, or b) as dead propaganda weapons. In this case it turned out to be the latter. The P.L.O. has shown time and time again that it does not care one iota about the people it claims to be fighting for. If it did, it would not put its training and planning centres in the middle of refugee camps and heavily populated civilian areas.

The fight of the P.L.O. is not the one of the Arab world. It only serves to feed the egos and feelings of self-importance of people like Arafat and Habash, people who have to manufacture a cause, fuel it, and cause the murder of thousands of innocent people on both sides to feel fulfilled. Yes, Deir Yassin did happen. But unlike the express policy of the P.L.O. to attack and murder civilians, this was an isolated incident. It never reoccurred. There was no Israeli attack parallel to the P.L.O. attacks at Ma'alot, Ben Gurion Airport, the Tel-Aviv Coastal Road, the Antwerp Synagogue...

I challenge anyone who believes the P.L.O. propaganda, and especially the Arabs in general and the Palestinians in particular, to do some research. Ignore the propaganda from both sides and go to the history books. Look at what actually happened in 1948, and what has been happening ever since. Dig down and look at the causes. If you read enough, you will discover that the Israelis are truly yearning for peace, and that without the curse of the P.L.O., a just solution for all parties con-

cerned would have been found long ago.

Mark Schachter, M.B.A.

Yet Another Critique

To the Daily:

On the same night that I saw a film depicting the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, I was assaulted by a picture display by the Arab Students Association that attempted to equate the Jewish State with those very people who tried to liquidate the entire Jewish nation. In the same display, in a burst of hypocritical gall, they deal with an organization which openly calls for the liquidation of that Jewish State. This is not the first time that this heinous insult has been hurled at the Jewish people.

In 1964, Nasser, in an interview with the editor of "Deutsche Soldaten und National Zeitung", said: "No one, even the simplest of men, takes seriously the lie about six million Jews who were murdered."

Concerning the Eichmann trial, a Lebanese paper al-Anwar included a caricature showing David Ben-Gurion and Eichmann shouting at each other. The text below the drawing reads as follows: Ben-Gurion: "You deserve the death penalty for killing six million Jews." Eichmann: "There are those who argue that I deserve the death penalty for not finishing the job."

A Jordanian English language daily published an "Open Letter to Eichmann" in 1961, which included the lines: "...by liquidating six millions you have minimized the extent of the calamity (the State of Israel) and conferred a real blessing on humanity..." and "Be brave Eichmann find solace in the fact that this trial will one day culminate in the liquidation of the remaining six million..."

So before anyone launches amazing accusations at the expense of others, let them acknowledge their own vicious hypocrisy.

David Winston
U3 Honours Political Science

And yet another

To the Daily:

Propaganda is a disgusting way of putting across a message, especially when it is of a racist kind. The display on Palestine, in the lounge of the Redpath Library, by the Arab Students' Association, is an example of propaganda at its worst. The efforts of men of good will on the Jewish and Arab sides are ruined by such crass ideas.

Instead of concentrating on the photographic testimony of the victims of Israeli military raids — a truly ghastly proof of how innocent people can be butchered in the name of pseudo-ideal — the display bordered on the ridiculous and racism. Why on earth did the creators of the display have to show the Star of David all over the display? I do not know whether the promoters of the display were trying to convince Diaspora Jews — who after all should be convinced that the cause of the Palestinians is a just one — or simply insult them? Their gratuitous borrowing of the traditional paraphernalia of antisemitism — all that was missing were the 'Jewish noses' to complete it — will only confirm Diaspora Jews that there is no place for them in the world except in Israel.

An intelligent description of the Palestinians' plight did not require another blood-thirsty quotation from Yasser Arafat about the destruction of Israel. Personally, I believe the display only strengthened the effect of Zionist propaganda which claims that Arabs are all fanatics out to kill every Jew in Palestine or Israel.

When one seeks to prove the nobleness of a cause, one should use noble means of fighting one's enemies, not use the methods of the enemy. I hope that some intelligent hand will soon relegate the display where it belongs: the dustbin of stupidity.

Edward Lopes, MA History

And another

To the Daily:

All right, guys, let's cut out the bullshit!

In the past two years I've seen several displays within Redpath which could easily be labelled as "Zionist Propaganda". I can vividly remember one portrait that was displayed of a virile, Hebrew looking young man gazing towards the future with a fierce yet hopeful expression in his eyes with the Star of David looming god-ily in the background. The artist's conception of the face was... well, you know... much like the conception that most official Soviet artists have about Lenin — benevolently powerful with a surreal exaggeration of facial muscles worthy of comparison to Corben and Frezetta. All in all, a typical piece of propaganda. The reaction was muted. At best, over the two years as a whole, a dozen or so letters were posted on the bulletin board protesting the nature of the displays.

Now we are confronted with a delicious piece of propaganda from the Palestinian sympathizers. Have you seen the bulletin board lately? You probably couldn't... mainly because it's covered with protests.

Artistically, this display is just as imaginative as its Israeli counterpart; politically, it is just as narrow; existentially, it is just as valid. (For propagandistic purposes, of course.) The difference is in style. The present display is much more radical, shocking, and narrowly targeted. It is a reflection of the more radical and desperate motivations of the Palestinian groups. Compare this with the more secure, powerful and self assured Zionist forces who can afford to gaze into the future with a certain degree of hope. The contrast is clear enough for any moron to see. Nevertheless, the similarities also make themselves clear. Both are self serving attempts to justify their own actions which makes these pictures of mutilated bodies possible.

It all boils down to this: it's propaganda when they use it; it's hard hitting facts when we use it. It's a game; that's all it is, just a game. It's sole purpose is the continuation of a very dangerous and bloody conflicts. It's sole end product can only be death and hatred. And the sole perpetrators of this sad state of affairs, are those among us who are willing to play along.

Ghyslain Sabourin, Poli. Sci. U3

And another...

To the Daily:

Universities are not mere havens of "harmless intellectuals". They are the beds on which tomorrow's generations of the "thinking people" and the "doing people" are being raised. Generations whose roots are being watered in this university by the Arab Students Association, who does not respect the most basic norms of decency, and makes use of the most blatant and cheap means to put its message across. A message of hate.

This is part of a greater war that is being launched at Israel by the Arab world, the scope of which is often underestimated. It encompasses the economic, political and military fields, and the field of public-opinion. It is a war not confined to the Middle-East, but a war whose net is spread throughout the free world, at the heart of the very societies upon which Israel relies for support. A "moral crutch" that is being broken by a conscious, selective "objectivity". A crutch of alarming double standards adhered to by detached "liberals", who are the obvious target for this contemptuous Arab propaganda war. What alarms me most is that we have learnt to live with these double standards, to accept them as part of our political life. We have learnt to conform to the "noises" made by the rich and powerful, rather than to listen to our beliefs and values, which we have substituted for dollars and cents.

What double standards am I talking about? I am speaking of the terrible ten-

dency to make blood price-lists, to make some people's blood more "expensive", more righteous than others'.

In the Middle-East there have been thousands of people killed by act of hostility, on both sides, whether in war or in terrorist raids and the like. The solution to this seemingly endless blood cycle, to this terrible protracted human agony, does not lie in hurling accusations at each other. Insinuating Zionism and nazism are "synonymous" is more than an insult to the 6 million Jews whose blood had saturated the soil of Germany, and is certainly an insult to any informed person's intelligence.

Vowing to the liquidation of a nation, to the politicide of a state, to the elimination of a people from the area, is an objective which is clearly belligerent, albeit cloaked in various "liberal" disguises.

If the objective is indeed peace, or coexistence, why resort to such blatant attacks as the one on display at Redpath library? Why destroy the credibility and sincerity of the cry for peace, made by the people who are not detached from the sounds and the smells of war, who actually carry the yoke of this conflict on their backs?

And if the university is the stage of free speech on behalf of all that we cherish in this world, why does it lend itself to distortions of reality? Why is it willing to be manipulated by a strong bias against the movement for peace? Instead of exacerbating issues, why doesn't this huge "grey-cell bank", this intellectual heaven, offer a solution? Why don't we the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow, try to send a message of hope rather than one of hate? Could it be that we simply do not care?

I must be growing up, for I am beginning to lose faith in Mankind in general, and in the power and integrity of youth in particular.

Esther Mayer
McGill Zionist Students Association

Invite from Womens' Union to help effect change

To the Daily:

In her editorial on Wednesday, Nov. 4th, "feminists take action", Elizabeth Jarvis expresses her outrage at the lack of feminist activism among McGill students, indeed among Canadians.

She suggests that our American counterparts are significantly more advanced in the fight. Although we seriously doubt the validity of that opinion, in view of Reaganism, we don't believe it is in anyone's interest to polarize the issue along patriotic lines.

We understand that Ms. Jarvis wishes to incite us to action. We acknowledge her sentiment but don't necessarily agree with her methods.

There is a committed contingent of people at McGill who fight discrimination daily. We fight by stating our opinions in class and by talking to others. We feel that expressing ourselves as individuals in "one to one" contact is the most effective demonstration of all. This is a grassroots movement, at which level the most effective, longlasting change takes place.

Sexism exists at McGill as elsewhere in the world. We, like you, are outraged by it. Perhaps in some situations protest marches are the preferred tactic.

Meanwhile, Ms. Jarvis, we will join hands with you to effect change, each in our own way. But to compare strategy as a measure of the degree of commitment devalues and divides both of us.

In that view we invite you, and all men and women, to join us to effect change.

Michele Rigby
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Members of the Women's Union

Letters

Stats confirm sexist hiring policy

To the Daily:

I would like to respond to the article printed in Thursday's *Daily*, entitled, "McGill too macho for Women Profs". Although describing the incensed reaction of Women's Union member Paula Sypnowich and Student Society President Liz Norman, you neglected to publish the statistics released by the Senate subcommittee on Women which justified such a response. The percentage of women professors was cited as 18 per cent in the article — 2 per cent more than in 1976. However, this subheading encompasses both Associate and Assistant positions. The amount of women actually holding full professorships has risen from just 5.3 per cent to 7.7 per cent — a figure deserving of the harsh and damning reaction it received. As the amount of woman holding teaching positions on a subordinate level has increased to a similar degree, it is evident that the problem lies in both lack of appointments and opportunities for advancement within the Departments themselves.

The only areas in which the amount of women significantly exceed that of men fell under the category of "Non-Academic Staff". Of 758 positions in "Clerical Work", over 700 are filled females, forming a die-hard majority that has risen since 1976, and, like the amount of men holding professorships, is destined to rise again. Even taking into account the number of job cutbacks affecting women in Non-Academic position which is almost twice that of men, their dominance in the field remains unthreatened. Norman attributes this to being "symptomatic of the entire society," yet professorial and Student Society positions are determined by the University whereas social roles are not. Perhaps McGill policy reflects sexual stereotyping as an accepted norm, but the statistics indicate that by waiting for social roles to affect hiring practices on campus, we may expect to see a similar report in five years time.

Kathy Morris, U2

Don't Ditch the Students' Society!

To the Daily:

I have followed the entire correspondence pertaining to ex-V.P. Flint's proposals to 'overthrow' Students' Society without finding evidence of a single constructive idea as to with what we are to replace it. Even the

word 'overthrow' itself conjures up images of comic opera. Are troops to storm the Union Building and march Liz Norman away at gunpoint?

More seriously, what is to become of the Union Building? Who is to run it? Who is to run Gertrude's, the cafeteria and the other various cafeterias around campus? Who is to support the clubs and societies and where are they to meet? Has anyone considered the cost of renting meeting space elsewhere in the University, let alone outside it? Who is to produce *Old McGill* or co-ordinate the other various services?

Furthermore, there are serious accusations which have been without foundation. We are told that secrecy is endemic, and that one can find out nothing that goes on, yet every faculty society has copies of the Council records which are open to examination by all.

I have been a student at McGill for over five years; I have served on the executives on a number of clubs and also edited a large part of *Old McGill* '81. I have had my share of frustrations with Students' Society, but I fail to see how we could do without it. Frustrations are inevitable with any organized structure, but *abusum non tollit usus*; one does not throw out the baby with the bath-water, at least not without considering the consequences.

Paul A. Farthing,
STM II

The Call of the Preppy

To the Daily:

It may be unfashionable to respect one's school these days, and it may be unfashionable to care about appearances, but, really, smoking on the steps of the Union building is tacky. While the laws of this country remain what they are, i.e. unrealistic and anachronistic, it is one's civic duty to obey them. But that, too, is unfashionable. Peaceful protest coupled with pleasure has a certain respectability. However a flagrant flouting of the law serves no useful purpose, and only makes the greaseballs who smoke on the Union steps appear to represent the Student Body of McGill.

I have seen such Hash-huddles nearly every day for the past two weeks, and I think it is time that the so-called socially conscious Student Executive should look outside its own front doors and see what the Public (God forbid) thinks of the students of McGill. Toking in private is one thing, but breaking the law in public — whatever the

cause—is reprehensible, especially when it reflects on the non-toking majority. Because, believe it or not, people do grow up and out of smoking pot. And those naughty little boys and girls who want to be all grown up should take this into account.

Warren Cabral, U3

Reply to Pro-abortionists

To the Daily:

In their recent editorial advocating abortion, "Our bodies are our own", Ms. Jones and Ms. Jarvis beg all the basic questions and succeed only in creating a piece of propaganda that satisfies their personal desire for absolute freedom of choice.

The basic question is whether the fetus is biologically a human individual or not. Ms. Jones and Ms. Jarvis have obviously decided that the fetus is not human since they take their stand on the view that only the woman's body is involved. They also prefer to use the term "the pregnancy" rather than 'unborn child' or even 'fetus'. However their view is pseudo-scientific nonsense as any reputable biologist, embryologist or geneticist would attest. Recently a very thorough book was produced by the British museum and Cambridge University which traces the pre-birth development of the human individual.

Ms. Jones and Jarvis apply the term 'right' over and over again to their desire. If they are talking about rights that transcend a given society, then given the evidence for the humanness of the fetus, they would lose their case, for certainly the right to life of the innocent is guaranteed by any democracy and by most traditional moral codes. No woman has the "right" to kill her offspring, whether before or after birth. Of course some people use the word right to mean 'doing what I want'.

It is only "silly" to state that abortion is genocide when you have already proven that there is no life but the woman's involved. But to believe this is to blind yourself to all the modern evidence.

The argument that there have always been abortions is irrelevant to the major moral question. There have always been murders as well.

The authors state that no one must have an abortion or no doctor must give one, but how can all this equality of opportunity for abortion which they advocate be realizable unless pressure is brought to bear on doctors and hospitals as was done at the Royal

Victoria Hospital. And if the need exists why can government not demand abortion to solve population or racial problems, (example: no family over two).

The authors quote Margaret Sanger but forget to mention that she was violently opposed to abortion. Birth control meant just that — not abortion.

One of the "do-gooders" that the authors should read is Dr. Bernard Natanson's book *Aborting America*. He is a McGill graduate who directed the largest abortion clinic in New York and founded a leading pro-abortion movement. Now he has radically changed his view. If Ms. Jones and Ms. Jarvis are concerned with liberation then they should first consider the value of human life.

Peter Stepinac

El Salvador White Paper not based in fact

To the Daily:

It is unfortunate that Mr. Chartrand feels that the White Paper on El Salvador represents a true explanation of the communist intervention in El Salvador. (Is there truth to the White Paper on El Salvador?, Hyde Park, Oct. 28, 1981)

Tens of thousands of people are killed every year in El Salvador. Eyewitness reports of these people having been seen before they were killed at the hands of the government security forces. The Communists are not the government in El Salvador. It makes no sense for the Communists, who are presumably trying to overthrow the government, to be killing the peasants who are also presumably trying to overthrow the government. Without discussing who interpreted who incorrectly, and who misquoted whom, the facts speak for themselves.

While one commend Mr. Chartrand for his critique of various American newspapers, it is unfortunate that he did not also concern himself with the facts. The facts remain clear in spite of White Papers and news reports.

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"Someone who tells you that they agree with you in principle probably doesn't have the nerve to tell you that you're entirely wrong."

W. Franklin Jones

Quebec feminism alive and well

Wednesday's comment by our colleague asks the important question, "where is feminism at McGill?" Ms. Jarvis, who is of the opinion that activism on behalf of women's rights rests entirely with a handful of members of McGill's Women's Union, further implies that the absence of visible militancy is an indication that the feminist movement in Canada is *terrae filius* (non-entity).

Ms. Jarvis makes two crucial errors in her analysis of the feminist movement in Canada. First, by confusing complacency for apathy and then deducing from her results that feminists in Canada are far behind their American counterparts, Ms. Jarvis is unable to comprehend the progress of the feminist movement. She also ignores the progress made here by Quebec's feminists. In less than twenty years Quebec has transformed itself from a backwards, neo-feudal society to the most socially advanced in the Americas.

While American women are fighting for the right to control their own bodies (and losing ground to the anti-abortion lobby), women in Quebec effectively have full access to safe, therapeutic abortions. American women are on the verge of losing the battle for the Equal Rights Amendment which would enshrine equality between men and women in the American constitution. The Quebec Charter of Human Rights not only guards against discrimination based on sex, but it also guarantees that there shall be no discrimination based on sexual orientation and provides a mechanism to hear charges. Several other provinces have also passed legislation effectively barring discrimination based on sex.

Ms. Jarvis' confusion between complacency and apathy is inexcusable. That McGill students don't march for women's rights (as Ms. Jarvis wrote) is merely an indication that she is both out of touch with the majority of students on campus and the feminist movement in Quebec. The plain truth is that only a tiny minority of McGill's students are ever mobilized for even the most important demonstration or study session. Mr. Jarvis appears to be unaware of the multitude of large and influential feminist organizations in Quebec. These organizations have had a very positive role in formulating legislation and modifying public perception.

As for the alleged complacency of the movement, we offer a possible explanation: American women still have banners to rally around; abortion on demand and the ratification of the ERA. Women in Quebec have already won these battles; and if the First Minister's conference agrees to Prime Minister Trudeau's Charter of Human Rights, the rest of Canada won't be far behind.

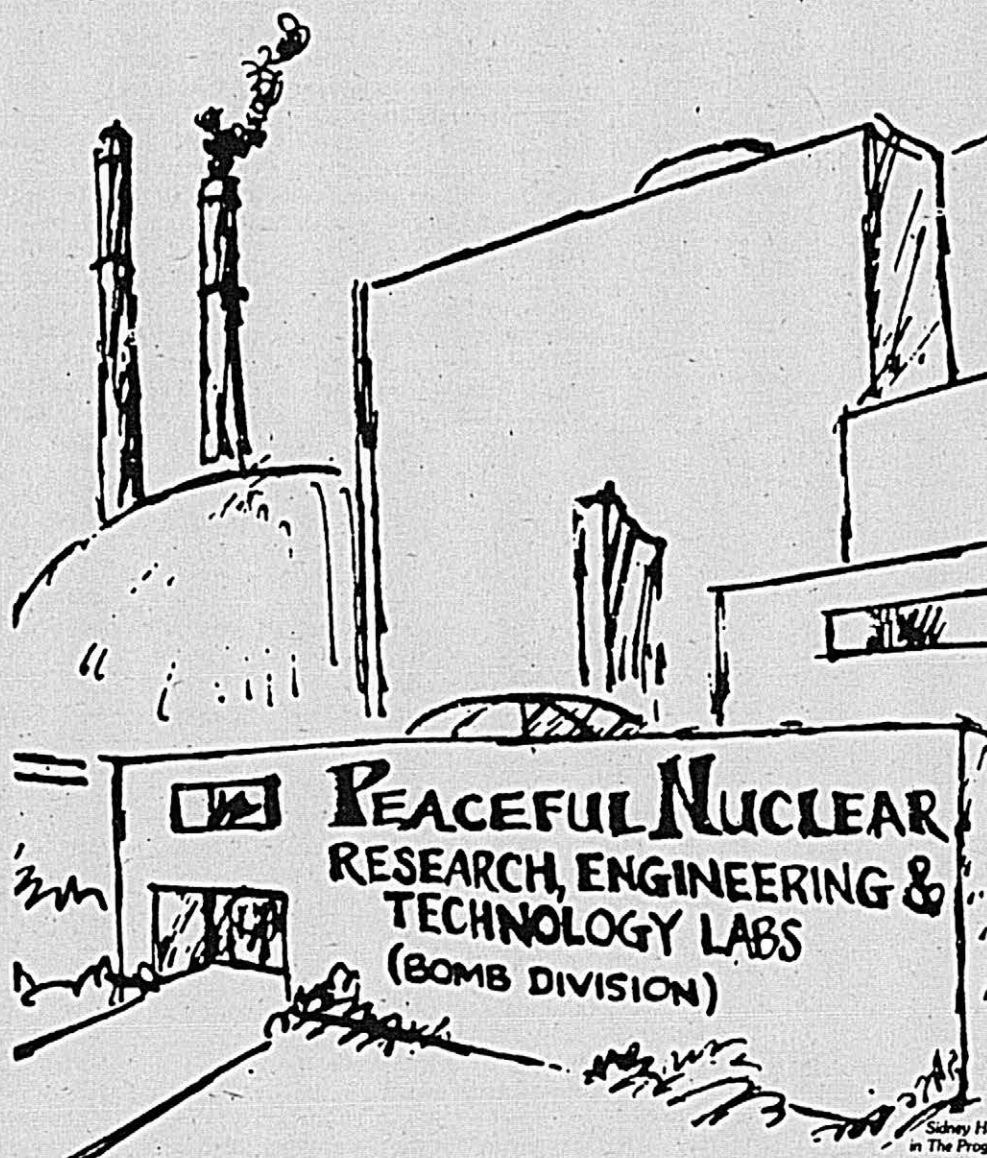
Ms. Jarvis extols the advanced state of the feminist movement in the U.S. but neglects to tell us of the anti-feminist backlash: Phyllis Schlafly's anti-ERA campaign; fundamentalist Christian organizations; states in the process of decertifying their ratification of the ERA; great civil libertarians (sic) such as Democratic Senator Strom Thurmond, who is notorious for calling all women "girls", and publicly stating that the only position that a "girl" should take is prone. When a Canadian Senator sitting on a parliamentary constitutional committee wondered what feminists were complaining about, he was immediately bounced from his position. Likewise, the Federal Minister of Immigration, Lloyd Axworthy, was called on the carpet in connection with actions taken against the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Much public attention was showered on the Reagan administration for appointing Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court and Jeane Kirkpatrick to the post of U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, yet that administration has not appointed any other women to positions of responsibility. Women in Canada are frequently elected to or appointed to positions of authority. One can give the examples of leadership of the late Senator Therèse Casgrain, Federal Minister of Health and Welfare Monique Bégin, and Lise Payette. If the American feminist movement has progressed past the "bra-burning" stage and into the evolution stage, why are women in the U.S. still fighting for basic rights? Obviously, the acceptance of women as equals in all phases of American society is far from complete.

Ms. Jarvis is correct in her observation that women are under-represented on decision making bodies within the University, and also tend to occupy the majority of clerical positions on campus. McGill is a microcosm of society, where women have always been under-represented on positions of responsibility. Yet is protest the best method of changing that reality? Revolutionary changes are required to crack the complacency of the infrastructure. Once that is done the evolutionary process, which is one of rebuilding, can commence. If what Ms. Jarvis writes is true (that feminists would protest the under-representation of women on decision making bodies) then perhaps it is an indication that American women are still in the revolutionary process because they have yet to gain access.

There is still much to change before we reach true equality, but in most respects Québécois feminists are light years ahead of their American counterparts. As for feminism at McGill - perhaps there is a high degree of complacency. Many women take for granted that the rights they now accept as their due were won only after grueling battles with the values of a once-primitive society.

Stewart Freed
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In January 1981 a report by the archdiocese of San Salvador stated that the Church's efforts to document attacks upon civilians by the Salvadorean military "had become too much; too many cases numbers, proofs. And we felt it in our heart of hearts, and because the facts were too plain, that the moment had come to call things by their real name — and we termed the situation 'genocide'."

At that time the number of Salvadoreans who had fled to neighboring Latin American countries was estimated at well over 100,000, now that number is over 300,000. The vast majority of refugees are peasants from Chalatenango, Cabanas and Morazan, three provinces which border Honduras. The rough hilly terrain of these provinces has helped make them strongholds of the FMLN guerillas, who are waging war on the military government.

As the civil war continues the frustrated military forces are adopting increasingly brutal tactics in their efforts to wipe out all popular support for the guerillas in the regions. This "scorched earth" policy is not new — the British employed it against the Irish in the 17th century; in Vietnam the Americans refined it by using napalm — but modern technology and expertise makes its results more efficient and horrific than ever before.

In the past two years the war in El Salvador (pop. 15 million) has cost 30,000 lives. One of the most frightening of recent developments is the increasing number of civilian deaths.

In March 1980, 1,500 peasants — mostly women, old people and children — died of asphyxiation while hiding in a cave near Arambala which was attacked by the military. A "clean-up" operation in Morazan province in October 1980 resulted in the murder of 3 to 4 thousand peasants. Such evidence of calculated and efficient attacks on whole sectors of the population has forced moderates and church groups like the one quoted above, to despair and use the term "genocide".

Another incident which was denied by the junta and Organization of American States (OAS) observers but which has since been well documented by the diocese of Santa Rosa de Copan among other church groups, shows how cooperation between the Salvadorean and Honduran governments has facilitated this genocide. Despite a history of mutual aggression since the "soccer-war" of 1968, military officers from the two countries met in secret on May 13, 1980 in a border city 20 kilometres from what was to be the sight of a massacre of 600 peasants as they tried to cross the Rio Sumpul into Honduras.

by Matthew Sanger
for the McGill Student Support
Committee for El Salvador

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Feature

A revolution sweeps through Poland's universities

by Tony Jochlin of CUP

A group of two dozen people, most of them in their mid-twenties, sat on the floor of a small Warsaw apartment. Some eagerly take notes, others just listen, their eyes fixed at one corner of the room where an older man elaborates on an important point he has just made.

The man, an acknowledged scholar, was giving a history lecture on Polish-Soviet relations. The rest of the participants are students of a clandestine university known as Towarzystwo Kursow Naukowych, the Society for Academic Courses. Every half hour two listeners would quietly leave the room to replace two others standing at the front door. They are on lookout for the People's Militia.

For the better part of the last decade, this is the way Polish students have filled the gaps in the contemporary history of their own country, and so learned the secrets of officially forbidden knowledge. This is how they learned there is more than one correct version of scientific interpretation and that the victorious path of proletarian revolution is full of weeds and brambles.

Polish universities have been under total control of the central administrative and political apparatus of the state, as affirmed by the higher education bills of 1949 and 1969. The party policy of imposing a Marxist-Leninist interpretation on virtually every aspect of academic inquiry led to distortions and falsifications, especially in the humanities. As intellectual rigour declined, so did the morale of its adherents. Student and instructors grew apathetic and cynical. Students mistrusted their teachers whom they saw as tools of indoctrination.

At the same time, the inconsistencies in official teachings became so obvious they stimulated interest among students in searching beyond the "approved truths". The public felt for years that the authorities' claim to superior knowledge was illegitimate, but it was scholars and students who were moved to intellectual defiance.

But breaking the barriers of fear and falsehood was not easy. Some aspiring scholars like professor Leszek Kolakowski, protected by their growing international reputations, were given the choice of leaving the country. Others like Jacek Kuron and Adam Michnik — both activists of the Social Defence Committee — had to face interrogations, arrests and prison terms. Still others like Stanislaw Pyjas, a student from Krakow University, were brutally murdered by Militia goons.

With each new act of repression, however, the movement for liberalization was strengthened and soon acquired a momentum of its own. When the workers in Gdansk went on the strike which spawned the Solidarity free trade union last fall, students did not lag behind.

Even before the new academic year started in October, students in Warsaw, Gdansk and Krakow began to organize new independent student unions. On the first day of classes, thousands of students across the country joined the Niezalezny Związek Studentow

(NZS), the Independent Student Union. Branches were established at all major universities.

With typical lack of perception, the authorities attempted to calm the situation by offering higher scholarships. Students accepted the offer, but continued to press for further reforms. They wanted an almost complete revision of the law governing higher education, particularly regarding registration of student organizations, selection of department heads, admissions and dismissals of students. They demanded increased autonomy for universities, the right to independent student publications and free access to all library materials. The students' complaints:

included clerical workers — could not claim any additional points. Often it was actually the points awarded for background rather than academic potential that determined whether a student was admitted to a university.

This gave rise to sometimes hilarious situations when parents would transfer from their office jobs to manual labor so their children could be placed in the proper economic category and be awarded a substantial number of admission points.

Even more disturbing was the practice of "rektor's pick" by which rektors and other department heads could fill up to 20 per cent of the course positions at their

These issues constituted the core of the student demands for reform. Official registration of the Independent Student Union was the most pressing matter since that would, in large measure, determine the future of the students' success.

The founding meeting of the national NZS too, place in November, 1980. The Warsaw provincial court refused to register the NZS on the grounds that it was not a labor union. In response, students at Warsaw University staged a two-day strike, and appealed the decision to the Supreme Court of Poland. Although that drastic measure did not immediately win the official approval of the NZS, it did bring about some

those already conceded to in Warsaw, the list had demands of a more political nature, including relaxation of censorship, prohibiting police from entering the campuses, the right to student strikes, free access to printing facilities, rewriting of books in accordance with established historical facts, release of political prisoners, bringing to justice those responsible for the suppression of workers' movements in the past, and commemoration of previously forbidden anniversaries.

Faced with the list of, in their view, outrageous demands, the officials stalled negotiations with technicalities and trivial arguments. At one point their side-stepping tactics caused a nation-wide student alert. Strikes broke out at several major institutions and many more minor ones. The number of students participating in the strike was conservatively estimated at more than 100,000. During those critical days the atmosphere on campuses was emotionally charged. Students brought sleeping bags and occupied university premises day and night.

At 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 18, higher education minister Janusz Gorski signed an agreement with the students. The government finally recognized the independent union as such and agreed that strikes may be called in exceptional circumstances where a majority of students on any particular campus support the decision. In return, the students pledged allegiance to the national constitution.

The authorities also consented to the demand that one third of the senate at every university be composed of student representatives, and that they have equal voting power in all matters except the granting of degrees and diplomas. Elections of university officials are to be conducted by secret ballot.

The discriminatory system of admissions was to be abolished pending new legislation on higher education. The requirement of one month manual labor for first year students during holidays has already been abolished.

Individual departments have been granted considerable autonomy in establishing study programs, course requirements and methods of evaluation. The mandatory course in Russian language was eliminated. The police were prevented from entering the campuses unless they received explicit authorization from the rektor.

The reform process will probably continue for as long as the parties involved are able to find room for manoeuvring. The new element of pluralism in student relations, with both the independent and the socialist unions being able to legitimately function in the same environment, should provide a measure of authentic democracy to campus life. But Poland's political instability makes it difficult to predict what limits will be set to academic autonomy in the future. With their ultimate weapon of strike though, students should be able to defend their gains.

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"Polish universities have been under total control of the central administrative and political apparatus of the state, as affirmed by the higher education bills of 1949 and 1969... Students and instructors grew apathetic and cynical. Students mistrusted their teachers..."

- For years the only legitimate student organization at Polish universities was the Socjalistyczny Związek Studentow Polskich, or Socialist Union of Polish Students. It was under party control and claimed the right to exclusive representation of all students.

- University rektors (the equivalent of university presidents), deans of departments and other university officials were political appointees with frequently dubious academic credentials. For all practical purposes, the university community had no say in the matter of their selection.

- The point system. Students were admitted on the basis of a system whereby more than half the number of points required were granted for socio-economic background. For example, if in a particular program 12 points were required for admission, a student whose parents were of "working class" background would automatically receive seven points. A student whose parents belonged to the "intelligentsia" — which

own discretion, regardless of academic standards.

- The problem of autonomy was associated not only with the oppressive imposition of the Marxist-Leninist viewpoint on all studies, but also with the inflexibility within specific programs. Each program included a mandatory course in Marxist political economy.

- At most universities, student publications consisted entirely of pamphlets published by the official socialist student union. Independent student newspapers did not exist.

- University libraries had a system of restricted accessibility to reference materials. Students as well as politically unreliable faculty members were denied access to a considerable volume of books and periodicals. Practically everything that might cast the slightest shadow of doubt on the historical correctness of the Marxist perspective, or which contained any critical allusion to the Soviet Union was labelled "forbidden" and taken out of general circulation.

important changes for the students in Warsaw.

According to the agreement signed at the conclusion of the strike, students will have the right to overrule any appointments to high administrative posts. Also granted was increased flexibility in course selection, which implied the right to substitute the compulsory course in Marxist philosophy with an alternate course in social change.

The greatest drawback of these unprecedented concessions was that they applied only to the University of Warsaw. This situation could not last long since students in other cities were also in a reform-oriented mood.

On Jan. 22, 1981, students of the central city of Lodz began an almost month-long sit-in protest to press their demands. The crucial difference between the Warsaw and the Lodz strike was that the latter represented the interests of all Polish students.

A list of 49 demands was submitted to the authorities. Besides

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